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foundation for this work. She is superior by virtue of the very principles that are inculcated in her training to surmount the principal argument against the " trained dental nurse." She knows her limitations. Who ever heard of a graduate trained nurse practising medicine or surgery? Dentistry is as vital a subject as either medicine or surgery. We study special diet for special diseases. We study every special plan for all kinds of cleanliness, external or internal, and then forget sometimes the avenue through which our special diet must pass, the buccal cavity. The teeth need special care other than mere brushing our teeth in health to avoid sickness. Every well-trained nurse knows how to care for a patient's mouth and does it, too, but how many in health and in sickness know how to brush the teeth properly? I'll quote to you the best description I could learn: " Always begin brushing the grinding surfaces of the back teeth with a backward and forward motion, keeping the bristles pointing rootward, rotating the brush from side to side, so that the bristles just miss the gums on both lingual and buccal surfaces. When brushing the lingual surfaces of the lower molar the tongue should be drawn well back so as to expose those surfaces of the teeth to the brush." This work is best learned at a recognized school in connection with a dental college, that is co-educational, and of recognized standards. Some special dentist could train one to his special ideals, but such a one would be of value only to that one man. I have learned by experience that it is best to get the training at school just as we get our medical and surgical training. Then we should have acquired the necessary foundational knowledge, a commencement of the work. Then some dentist who desires our services can mould us according to his ideals just as the surgeon and the doctor train us by power of their superior knowledge to their various requirements.

The trained dental nurse is to have for her studies the following: " The Regional Anatomy of the Head; The Freshman Course in Dental Anatomy; Special Course in the Study of Operative Instruments and Appliances; A Special Course in Anæsthetics and Physical Diagnosis; A Special Course in Oral Hygiene and Oral Antisepsis; A Special Course in Prophylaxis; A Special Course in Dental Medicine; A Special Course in Dental Bookkeeping and Care of the Office; A Special Course in the Study of Prosthetic Appliances and the Selection of Teeth; A Clinical Course of Actual Assistance at the Operative Chair." I am trying all I can to help. I see the wonderful possibilities of this work and I want to assist in interesting the very best women, from an educational standpoint, from every point of view, to help set the standard right at the start. The ever-present interest that I have always had in woman's work, in my fellow co-workers the nurses, prompts this little article to-day. I'll help any graduate nurse who writes to me and direct her to authorities.

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AROUND-THE-WORLD LETTERS

(From a Letter Describing the Return Trip)

DEAR EDITOR: The next day we witnessed the departure of the Governor and his wife from Hong Kong. It was quite exciting. The British troops were on parade, the band played, and the Governor in a top hat inspected all the

Tommies and shook hands with the officers. His wife held a regular reception, dressed in white, with a black picture hat, and seated in a white sedan chair carried by four coolies in white. All this took place on the water front. A little launch was waiting, all decorated with flowers. A gorgeous lingerie pillow was ready on her deck chair, and a double line of aristocratic little Chinese children, dressed in their very best, presented bunches of flowers. The Chinese children and young girls are adorable. Everybody was surprised to find them so beautiful. As the little launch puffed out to the steamer, an escort of two other little tenders went along with baskets swinging at the back, shooting off fire crackers. They looked like poor little mongrel dogs with a bunch of fire crackers tied to their tails. The moment the official party had turned its back, the spick and span coolies whipped off their white leggings and trotted down the street in their bare legs.

That night we went to the theatre. I never saw such a crowded house, nor such a study in black and white, for we sat on the stage looking right into this sea of smooth white faces, shining black hair and plain black garments. Men, women, and children were smoking. There is no scenery, only a table with a red cover and two or three chairs. The exaggerated gestures, aided by the Chinese imagination, convey the idea of a man mounting and riding away. The girl climbs on the table and gets down on the other side, she has disappeared over the mountain. The stabbed man smears himself with red right before your eyes, and then walks off—dead. There are no actresses, men take the women's parts, and are paid the highest salaries. I never heard such falsetto shrieks, such stamping and shouting. It was deafening—a Chinese edition of "Elektra." The musicians sit in the centre of the stage at the back, and keep up an incessant thrumming through the whole performance, indicating the play of human passions with a varying volume of sound. To us it was most grotesque, but the audience sat with tears in their eyes, or laughter, and their attitudes were as tense as our audiences are at an Ibsen play.

After leaving Hong Kong we learned that Manila would not allow us to enter port unless everyone on board were vaccinated, Hong Kong being full of smallpox. The natives have it as we have measles, and they are difficult to discipline because they are rather proud of being pocked-marked. When it reaches the white population and there are death notices in the paper, every one sits up and takes notice.

I have engineered vaccination parties in the training school, but there never was a vaccination orgy like this one. We had the men come up the first day, and the day after was Ladies' Day. I never heard so many tales of dire results of vaccination as were told me by nervous people. Some of the poor things suffered considerably when it "took," and it was painful in all that heat. I would advise those preparing for foreign travel to be vaccinated and to take their certificates with them. That and a passport might save them much trouble.

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